



ENHANCED DENTAL BENEFIT TAKES EFFECT FOR MEDICAID ADULTS IN COLORADO

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DENVER – July 1, 2014 – Beginning today, eligible adults enrolled in Colorado Medicaid will have access to more comprehensive dental services which builds upon the basic preventive services that became available on April 1, 2014. The new dental benefit provides Medicaid adults, age 21 and over, up to \$1,000 in dental services per state fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) and includes the following services:

- Basic preventive dental exams
- Diagnostic and restorative dental services (such as x-rays and fillings)
- Extractions (tooth pulling)
- Root canals
- Crowns
- Partial dentures*
- Complete dentures*
- Periodontal scaling
- Root planing
- Other procedures requiring prior authorization will also be available.

* Partial and complete dentures are not subject to the \$1,000 cap per state fiscal year.

“A healthy mouth and healthy body go hand in hand,” said Susan E. Birch, MBA, BSN, RN, executive director. “We have already heard from many of our clients how grateful they are since the initial benefit began in April. Having this enhanced benefit in place will help our clients maintain good oral health and improve their overall health and quality of life.”

The Department has contracted with [DentaQuest](#) as its Administrative Services Organization (ASO) to help manage the benefit and provide a customer service center for Medicaid dental questions. The ASO will also help the Department grow its dental provider network.

Clients may search for dental providers in their area by visiting the ASO’s website at [DentaQuest.com](#). For more information, including frequently asked questions about the new dental benefit, visit [Colorado.gov/hcpf/benefits](#).

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